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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A palatable pharmaceutical composition for oral administration to companion animals comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a pharmaceutically active agent in combination with a palatability improving agent and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the palatability improving agent is selected from the group consisting of artificial egg, artificial beef, artificial poultry, artificial fish, dairy-based palatability improving agent and natural herbs and spices, or mixtures thereof, is present in amounts sufficient to make the pharmaceutical composition palatable to the companion animal, and is homogeneously mixed with the pharmaceutically active agent, and wherein the pharmaceutically active agent is carprofen.

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2. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal which is greater than or equal to about 30% voluntary acceptance.

3. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal which is greater than or equal to about 50% voluntary acceptance.

4. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal which is greater than or equal to about 80% voluntary acceptance.

5. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal which is greater than or equal to about 90% voluntary acceptance.

6. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the palatability improving agent provides for voluntary acceptance of the palatability improving agent by the companion animal of about 90% or greater.

7-8. (delete)

9. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically active agent has an unacceptable taste and the palatability improving agent is present in amounts sufficient to mask or improve the unacceptable taste of the pharmaceutically active agent.